IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following at page 1, before line 1:

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Please add the following section heading at page 1, between line 3 and line 4:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

I. Field of the Invention

Please add the following section heading at page 1, between line 9 and line 10:

II. Description of Related Art

Please amend the paragraph at page 1, lines 10-26, as follows:

In such a rotary knob conventional rotary knobs, the maneuvering member is provided with a shank for moving the driving part, and the body also serves as a support for at least one electrical contact block, switchable in response to the rotation of the maneuvering member via at least one axially moving slider. The maneuvering member is mounted on the body such that it rotates about an axis with a limited angular movement, in order to assume at least two functional positions, maintained or transitory. Rotary knobs of this type are well known (see for example the documents DE 34 12 518 and DE 35 41 390). The maneuvering member is locked in rotation with a driving part having a cam able to actuate the slider or sliders and the body is able to receive the hand grip in a fluid-tight manner, to serve as a support for the electrical blocks and to house the driving part and the sliders.

Please add the following section heading at page 1, between line 33 and line 34:

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please add the following section heading at page 4, between line 18 and line 19:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please amend the paragraph at page 4, lines 30-33, as follows:

Figures 4A to 4C are longitudinal axial cross sectional views, through 1–1, 2–2, 3–3, and 4–4 4A–4A, 4B–4B, 4C–4C, 4D–4D respectively of figure 3, of the rotary knob with maintained positions shown in figure 2.

Please amend the paragraph at page 5, lines 6-8, as follows:

Figure 8 is a longitudinal axial cross-sectional view of the rotary return knob shown in figure 7, through 2'-2' 4B'-4B' of figure 3.

Please add the following section heading at page 5, between line 16 and line 17:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Please cancel the original Abstract in its entirety, and replace with the following new Abstract on a separate sheet as follows: